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Comments

1. In paragraph 7, Tshushino is correctly Tushino.
2. In paragraph 2 "Kishin, Ev, and other campaigns" should read "Kishinev and other campaigns."

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Soviet Army Publications used by MVD

1. [redacted] what he knew about the alleged 1948 edition of the Field Service Regulation. [redacted] he was somewhat familiar with a proposed Field Service Regulation dated 1948 (Proekt Polevogo Ustava). All study courses in military academies and institutes and all troop training followed this projected FSR as a text. The Proekt replaced, [redacted] a manual known as the Infantry Combat Regulations-Boyevoy Ustav Pekhoty (BUP) and a manual known as Infantry Field Service Regulations-Polevoy Ustav Pekhoty (PUP).
2. The Proekt included among other things detailed description of World War II campaigns with lessons learned, etc.. These include in detail the Stalingrad, Kursk, Kishin, Ev, and other campaigns, pointing out good and bad features of Soviet military action. [redacted] this manual is the basis for all training, all military school tactical training as well as unit training in the field, that it "was mandatory" to follow its direction ("Bylo Zakonom"), and that it was a very valuable piece of work.
3. [redacted] the Proekt is to be found down to regimental level in the army; it is not to be found in BG units but at the Babushkin /N 55-52, E 37-42/ Higher Border Troop MGB Officer School [redacted] there were four or five copies. Its classification was top secret (Sovershenno Sekretno.)

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Soviet Army T/O & E's

4. In answer to a question if there was in the Soviet Army a single collection of T/O's in one publication, [ ] he had never seen or heard of such a publication but it seemed logical that there should be such.

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Soviet Airborne Troops

- 50X1 6. [ ]
- 50X1 [ ] there had been none, but a certain instructor during recesses and breaks had intimated strongly that there were parachute divisions in readiness, together with means of dropping light tanks and light artillery to permit these troops to "wage independent battle". [ ] queried on term airborne said he meant parachute and glider-borne, not air transportable.

- 50X1 7. [ ] the entire student body at the Babushkin school had been on special guard duty at Tshushino airdrome in Moscow during the air show on Aviation Day in August 1952. During the show a large number of parachutists dropped; they were dressed in nondescript garb not recognizable as uniforms and had no other equipment. One chute failed to open and a military ambulance rolled out on the field. [ ] asked the attendant medical officer why he was treating a civilian, the latter informed him that the jumpers were not civilian at all but a battalion of regular A/B troops dressed so in order to deceive the visiting military attaches into believing they were DOSAAF personnel. No further information.

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Fortified Regions in the Soviet Army

- 50X1 8. [ ] if he had ever heard the term "Fortified region" ("UKREPLENNYY RAYON"), called "UR" for short. [ ] as a fortified area astride a strategically important ground approach route into the USSR usually near the frontier.
9. URs are a complicated maze of defenses, concrete, and wooden and earthen pill-boxes, anti-tank barriers, inter-locking fires, anti-tank ditches, etc. URs are of different depths and widths depending on terrain and locality.
- 50X1 10. UR, [ ] includes both the fortified locality and the military personnel who built and man it; this unit is not known as a regiment or a battalion, for example but only as a UR. Personnel strengths of UR's differ according to size and importance as they are "tailored to the defenses".
11. The mission of these UR's is to stand off suddenly striking enemy ground troops until reserves can be brought up.

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- 50X1 12. [ ] in 1945 near the city of Insterbourg, East Prussia /N 54-39, E 21-50/ now Chernyakovsk, Kaliningrad Oblast, RSFSR, there was a numbered UR- which number he doesn't recall - under an unknown colonel. This UR was later disbanded for some unknown reason and its personnel was shipped to somewhere in the Far East; personnel manning this UR approximated a division.
13. [ ] 50X1
14. UR's were not discussed in this school and are not generally discussed, [ ] because their existence is generally a closely held secret. The individual garrisons, surrounding army troops, and neighboring Border Guard troops would know of the existence of an individual UR and no other. [ ] all branches of service were represented in these units; artillery, infantry, armor, signal, engineers, etc.. UR strengths are generally strong enough to deter fairly strong enemy units until army reserves can be brought. They are always found according to [ ] areas and are under the district commander in whose military district they are located. 50X1
- 50X1 15. [ ] think that UR garrisons run larger than division size; UR commanders were known as UR Chiefs (Nachalnik Ukreplennogo Rayona).
- 50X1 16. There were no UR's in the parts of East Prussia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, or Turkestan [ ] when he was last there. [ ] there were UR's at various places along the western and southern Soviet borders and in the Soviet Far East. There was no connection between Border Guard troops and UR troops, but in case of a sudden attack in a given area, Frontier Guards and UR (Army) troops (when present) would cooperate. 50X1
- 50X1 1. [ ] Comment: [ ] note: The original of this notebook is in the special project section, EURASIAN Br. O A C/S G-2 DA, together with English Language translations.

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